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New-Englander feels a property in the Cape, both because it was almost the cradle — the *ante-cunabula* — of our colonial infancy, and because it has been the nurse of so many strong, honest, clear-minded, great-hearted men among the dwellers in all our principal towns and cities, and especially among our merchants and shipmasters. Mr. Freeman has done his work loyally, lovingly, and well. He shows us not Barnstable County alone, but that county as influenced by, and in its measure influencing, the State and the nation. He thus blends general with local history in the precise way and degree in which they are actually blended in the progress of events. He gives in their proper places brief biographies of the best and the most distinguished men, together with several well-engraved portraits. The history of the Mashpee Indians forms a separate chapter, and it is the most instructive chapter in the volume, — sadly so indeed; for it impresses us with the belief that, even without the national crimes which cast such deep shadows on the Indian history of the United States, irreversible laws, written in the very nature of the aborigines, preclude their civilization as a pure and unmixed race.

The volume closes with an index of subjects, and another of names. The second volume is to be devoted to the annals of the individual towns.

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25. — *Travels in the Regions of the Upper and Lower Amoor and the Russian Acquisitions on the Confines of India and China. With Adventures among the Mountain Kirghis; and the Manjours, Mangyars, Tounghous, Touzents, Goldi, and Gelyaks; the Hunting and Pastoral Tribes.* By THOMAS WITLAM ATKINSON, F. G. S., F. R. G. S., Author of "Colonial and Western Siberia." With a Map and Numerous Illustrations. New York: Harper and Brothers. 1860. 8vo. pp. 448.

THE rising commercial importance of the regions here described attaches great interest and value to this work, which is worth none the less for Mr. Atkinson's appetency for "adventures." He has evidently omitted no opportunities of acquainting himself with all the forms of nature, animal life, and human society to which he could find access; and we have every reason to believe him a faithful historiographer of his own experiences. There is indeed a greater affluence of detail than all his readers require, as also a deficiency of such general views as many of them would gladly see presented; while we detect not a little of the egotism quite pardonable in the explorer of almost unknown regions. But these are matters of taste; while beyond question Mr.

Atkinson has given us a much larger amount of information concerning the countries he traversed than could be gathered from all other authorities.

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26. — *The Elements of Logic: adapted to the Capacity of Younger Students, and designed for Academies and the Higher Classes of Common Schools.* By CHARLES K. TRUE, D. D. Revised Edition. New York: Carlton and Porter. 1861. 16mo. pp. 176.

THE first edition of this treatise appeared twenty years ago. We suppose that it has been used but little as a text-book; for it is too small and modest to win favor in colleges and schools of the higher grade, while the expediency of introducing logic into more elementary schools has scarcely been recognized, notwithstanding the profligate waste of time and brain on the far less comprehensible, practical, and useful science of grammar. We believe that, with a treatise as simple as Dr. True's, all college students might *understand* logic, and the higher classes of our academies and grammar schools be emboldened to study it; while the study of the treatises in ordinary use is now almost wholly confined to colleges, and the understanding of them to a small percentage of each class. We give this book, therefore, our cordial commendation. It is short and simple, not because it is shallow and superficial, but because the author has the mastery of his science, knows how it ought to be taught, perceives the utility of its study to all persons of intelligence and culture, and has adapted his presentation of it to this so desirable end.

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27. — *Student Life: Letters and Recollections for a Young Friend.* By SAMUEL OSGOOD, Author of "Studies in Biography," "The Hearth-Stone," "Mile-Stones," &c. New York: James Miller. 1861. 12mo. pp. 164.

THIS volume is in part new, in part compiled from pre-existing materials, and its contents are of varying, though we cannot say unequal value. What interests us most is a series of seven letters actually addressed to a young friend now in the Freshman Class of Harvard University. They cover all the leading topics of fitting advice to a student, and they convey just such advice as every father would wish his son to have, and that too, not *ex cathedra*, but at once with the ease and *abandon* of a familiar talk and the elegance of carefully finished composition.